

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte TONGBI JIANG

Appeal No. 2002-0981
Application No. 09/005,895

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

A review of the file reveals that a Reply Brief was filed 29 May 2002 in response to the Examiner' Answer entered 20 March 2002 (Paper No. 31). However, there is no indication on the record whether or not the examiner has responded to the Reply Brief. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1208.03 (Eighth Edition, August 2002).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for such proper response to the Reply Brief and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be promptly

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informed of any action affecting the appeal in this case.

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